

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:	)	
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Motoo SUMIDA et al.	)	Confirmation No.: 8556
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Application No.: 10/511,829	)	Group Art Unit: 1621
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Filed: October 20, 2004	)	Examiner: Yaté Kai Rene Cutliff
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FOR: ASTAXANTHIN MEDIUM-CHAIN	)	
FATTY ACID ESTER, PRODUCTION	)	
METHOD OF THE SAME AND	)	
COMPOSITION COMPRISING THE	)	
ESTER (As Amended)	)	

**AMENDMENT & REPLY &**

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 28, 2009, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider and enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-identified application. This response is timely filed on or before June 28, 2010 with the three-month extension petitioned for herein.